

COUNTY - PORTER



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Further clarification of the Indiana Amendments to the IRC, Section R314 Stairways:

1. Min. headroom is 6 feet 8 inches on a sloped plane measured from each tread nosing.
2. Min width of stairway is 31.5 inches at the handrail hgt. where there is one rail.
3. Max riser height is 8-1/4 inches
4. Min tread width is 9 inches
5. Handrails shall be min 34 inches and maximum 38 inches measured vertically from nosing of tread.
6. Handrails shall be provided on at least one side of stairs and shall serve each tread for the full length of any :

Interior stairs 3 or more risers

Exterior stairs 2 or more risers (i.e. garage steps)

Note: no 5 is critical on front concrete steps leading to porches. Please anticipate this prior to final inspection.

7. All stairs shall be provided with illumination.
8. Porches and balconies with a floor surface greater than 30 inches above floor or grade below, shall have railings or guards **min 36 inches** in height.
9. Guards shall not be constructed with horizontal rails or other pattern that creates a ladder effect.